

# **WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2004**

## **In Attendance:**

Paul Barthel; Vice-Chairman; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Mr. Dick Pfeiffer; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Ms. Susie Just; PARC Task Force  
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Trooper Steven Lindemann, Wisconsin State Patrol  
Mr. Thomas Loeffler; Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Deputy Medical Examiner P. J. Schoebel; Medical Representative  
Mr. David Swan; Waukesha County Supervisor

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel, from the Department Of Public Works, made a motion to approve the minutes, and the Chairman of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission, Lieutenant Larry LaFavor, from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel handed out two Detector Volume Reports reference Red Light Running. The first was from September 15, 2004, at 9:02 a.m., on CTH SR and Watertown Road. The second was from September 15, 2004, at 10:25 a.m., on CTH P and CTH K. These reports showed an actual count using video detection on the two intersections. The reports were for three day samples set up in 72 hour blocks. The violators seemed to be mostly rush hour local residents. This data will continue to be gathered for approximately one year. There are plans on using video detection in several other locations also, possibly next year on CTH L or County Line Road in Muskego. These cameras display the new technology available to observe traffic from any direction. If any Traffic Safety Commission member would like to observe the cameras in operation, please advise Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel.

At the August 11, 2004 meeting, Trooper Lindemann asked why the "No U-Turn" signs were taken down on Highway 18 and Kossow Road, Dick Pfeiffer from the Wisconsin DOT stated there must be thirty violations in one hour before U-Turn signs are installed.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Thomas Loeffler, from the Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated that Legislation is not in session now.

Fatalities have been down ten percent. There have been 666 fatalities so far, that being down 70 from last year. However, bicycles and pedestrians are higher than last year.

Thomas Loeffler handed out an article on motorized scooters, which includes exactly what a scooter is and lists federal and state laws regarding them. Scooters are considered “play” vehicles, and are not allowed on streets, alleys, or sidewalks. Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, mentioned that Mukwonago has had problems with scooters. State Patrol Trooper Lindemann was in an interview earlier this year reference the use of scooters.

Thomas Loeffler also handed out a six year study of crash data for Waukesha County titled, “Waukesha County Year-End 2003 Crash Statistics”. He stated some schools are eliminating Driver’s Education in schools because of funding, which could be a direct result of more crashes.

### COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

#### ❖ PARC Task Force

Susie Just stated that Drive Safe, Drive Sober held on October 16, 2004 was a success, even though the weather conditions were very cold. The evaluations were very good. Channel 58 and the Waukesha Freeman covered the event. She brought along a six-minute video which the Traffic Safety Commission members viewed at the end of this meeting.

#### ❖ Medical

Deputy Medical Examiner P. J. Schoebel passed out a report of all of the fatalities from 2004. Some BAC’s have not come back yet, however. Total fatalities were 25 for Waukesha County, which is average compared to past years.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff’s Department had two fatal accidents:

Date of Accident: 09-14-04:

Location: USH 18, .3 miles east of Mickle Road

This was a motorcycle vehicle accident where a male subject was traveling westbound on USH 18 when he struck a deer and was ejected from his motorcycle. He was subsequently struck by two other vehicles. The driver was not wearing a helmet.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

Date of Accident: 10-09-04:

Location: CTH N, .3 miles south of CTH ZZ

This fatality involved a single vehicle accident where a Ford Explorer hit a tree. There were no signs of skid marks prior to impact. The vehicle involved was immediately engulfed in flames upon impact. The driver was only identified as a male because the body was burned beyond recognition and no identification was found. At the time of the Incident Report the identity of the male driver was unknown. An All Points Bulletin was issued by TIME System Control Center throughout the State of Wisconsin for any missing persons matching the deceased or the vehicle. Later it was determined through the Vehicle Identification Number on the frame of the damaged vehicle, who the driver ultimately was.

NEW BUSINESS

Thomas Loeffler stated they are late with contracts because they are still working on funding and methodology. He stated they will contact agencies that will make the targeting lists.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel from the Department Of Public Works made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(Minutes approved on 02-09-05)**